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TAGS: EMIN, ITC

SUBJECT: INDONESIAN POSITION AT ITC MEETING

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1. IN FOLLOW-UP TO TELEPHONE CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL,
EMBOFF MET JANUARY 17 WITH DEPARTMENT OF MINING SECRETARY
GENERAL SOETARYO SIGIT. SIGIT SAID THAT INDONESIAN DELEGATION
TO ITC WOULD BE SUPPORTING FLOOR PRICE OF M1,300 DOLS PER PIKUL
AND CEILING PRICE OF M1,600 DOLS PER PIKUL. HE SAID THAT GOI
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HAD BEEN HOPEFUL THAT U.S. WOULD BE MORE ACCOMMODATING IN THE
FACE OF SUCH A "MODERATE" PRICE RISE.

2. ELABORATING ON THE PROSPECTS FOR THE INDONESIAN TIN
INDUSTRY, SIGIT OBSERVED THAT CAPACITY WOULD BE UP TO
OVER 28,000 TONS/ANNUM (AN INCREASE OF 3-4,000 TONS) IN
1979 WITH THE ADDITION OF TWO NEW DREDGES. HOWEVER, HE

EMPHASIZED THAT POLITICAL REALITIES WOULD NOT ALLOW INDONESIA TO OPEN ITS TIN SECTOR TO ANY NEW FOREIGN COMPANIES, AND THE INCREASED PRODUCTION WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM EXPANSION BY THE EXISTING PRODUCERS--THE STATE-OWNED P.T. TAMBANG TIMAH, THE AUSTRALIAN-OWNED TOBA TIN, BILLITON EXPLORATIE MAATSCHAPPIJ INDONESIA, AND BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY INDONESIA.

3. IN CLOSING, SIGIT ASKED ABOUT RUMOR THAT U.S. WOULD BE SELLING 30,000 TONS OF TIN FROM GSA STOCKPILE, AND USING PROCEEDS TO PURCHASE COPPER. EMBOFF EXPRESSED SOME SKEPTICISM CONCERNING THIS STORY, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS TO BE PASSED ALONG TO SIGIT.

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